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TOPIC Military Information from Luckenwalde

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. On 27 October 1953, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik (North German Machine Factory) in Luckenwalde still quartered about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. As only the second and third floors of the quartering buildings were lighted at night and the two low buildings were unlighted, source believed that the barracks installation was occupied below capacity. From 20 to 27 October, about 60 officers were daily seen walking from the machine factory toward the Am Schieferling officers' billets. From 21 to 27 October, [REDACTED] noted limited marksmanship training in the factory area and saw several detachments of up to about 100 soldiers marching out to the wooded area south of the factory. <sup>1</sup>

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2. On 26 October, part of Stalag I was occupied. Nine low buildings were lighted at night. Between 22 and 26 October, single groups were at gymnastics in the camp. From 8 to 27 October 1953, about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets almost daily held record practices at the target ranges in the gravel pits. [REDACTED]

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3. At night on 26 October 1953, all low buildings of Stalag II were lighted. No training activities other than gymnastics involving individual detachments of about 50 soldiers were in the area of Stalag II. On 7 and 23 October 1953, a detachment of about 100 soldiers left the camp and proceeded to the wooded area south of the installation. [REDACTED]

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4. In the morning on 7, 10, 13 and 25 October 1953, two rocket launchers were at record firing in the wooded area south of the Stalag, about 200 meters southeast of the bunkers, where they remained after the firing.

5. From 20 to 27 October 1953, the excavated bunkers in the wooded area south of Stalag II were still occupied. [REDACTED] 40 to 60 soldiers at record practice with rifles. <sup>2</sup>

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6. In the morning on 25 October 1953, 14 empty 12-wheeled heavy duty cars were on a siding at the Luckenwalde railroad station.

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1.  Comment. A training unit of the Third Gdr Recz Army is still ~~carried~~  
in the Norddeutsche Maschinfabrik.

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